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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 27 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Somalia

Briefing by Mr. Ibrahima Fall, Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs

Briefing by Mr. Sergio Vieira de Mello, Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Co-ordinator

Other matters

SECURITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED
BY RESOLUTION 661 (1990) CONCERNING
THE SITUATION BETWEEN IRAQ AND KUWAIT

3.30 p.m.	191st meeting* (closed)	Conference Room 7

* The Chairman will give an oral briefing to interested Members of the United Nations in the same room, immediately following the meeting. Following the oral briefing, the Chairman will give a briefing to the press.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 40th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund: draft resolution (A/54/L.18) [99 (h)]

3 p.m. 41st PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/379);

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.9)

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 17th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 3

Informal consultations under the chairmanship of the Chairman of the Committee on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8 (item 100 (e))

3 p.m.-6 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(d) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.10

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.9

2. Globalization and interdependence [104] (A/54/358, A/54/98, A/54/175)

Conclusion of general discussion

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m. 15th meeting Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87] (A/54/20, A/C.4/54/8, A/CONF.184/6)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

Morning*-1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

* Following the adjournment of the 15th meeting of the Fourth Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Dialogue with the Secretary-General's Representative on Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Director of the office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization and the Executive Director of UNICEF

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22

2. International drug control [108]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20

3. Advancement of women [109]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.18 and L.19

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of Conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/833, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

Address by the Secretary-General

(A/54/6/Rev.1 Vols. I-III, A/54/7, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/21, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/25 and A/C.5/54/26)

Introduction and general discussion

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	17th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	18th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 17th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	199th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

1. Draft report of the Committee (document A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

2. Other matters

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE

3.30 p.m.-6 p.m.	247th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Executive session on the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

2. Draft report

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	open meeting	Conference Room 8

Oral hearings

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Wednesday, 27 October 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(draft resolutions on item 100 (Report of the Governing Council of UNEP), item 100 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind))

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON DISARMAMENT

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES GROUP

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on Item 99 (a) (Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the revitalization of the economic growth and development of developing countries and Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Decade); item 104 (Globalization and interdependence), item 99 (f) (Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the 1990s))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(briefing by Mr. Juan Somavia, Director-General of the International Labour Organization)

3.45 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

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The NGO Committee on Human Rights will sponsor a meeting on the future direction of the United Nations human rights work and a report of the last special session of the Commission on Human Rights *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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There will be a meeting of the Group of Friends of Guinea-Bissau *today*, 27 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9

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Informal consultations

The Southern African Development Community (SADC) will hold informal consultations on the Girl Child *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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Briefing

On the occasion of the forthcoming visit of Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Mr. Juan Somavia, the New York Liaison Office of the ILO will host a dialogue between Mr. Somavia and non-governmental organizations. The dialogue will provide an opportunity for Mr. Somavia to brief non-governmental organizations on the work of the ILO. The dialogue will take place *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of the permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rhitu Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

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Presentation

There will be a presentation of the United Nations Development Programme on NetAid to the Second Committee of the General Assembly *today*, 27 October 1999, from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 4. All members of permanent missions, representatives of United Nations agencies and programmes, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 4

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat at (212) 963-7216.

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

There will be a meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will cover the outcomes of the September meeting of the Interim Committee of the International Monetary Fund and of the annual substantive session of the Economic and Social Council, as well as major issues before the General Assembly, highly indebted poor countries and poverty eradication, and post conflict peace building.

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M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11. a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Eastern European Group on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a meeting of the Arab Group *(at the ambassadorial level)* on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of the Non-Aligned Movement on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 2.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefing

In the context of preparations for Geneva 2000, the Special Session of the General Assembly on Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, the International Labour Office (ILO), the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are organizing a joint briefing on "Full Employment and Decent Work in the context of Geneva 2000". Speakers will be Ms. Maria Ducci, Director, Bureau for External Relations and Partnerships of the ILO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development. This briefing will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rhitu Siddharth (tel. (212) 909-7810).

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

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Informal consultations

In accordance with paragraph 86 of the Report on the Eleventh session of the High-Level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-Level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development." The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

4058th (private) meeting

The situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina

The Security Council met in private. At the close of the meeting, the following communiqué was issued by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 55 of the provisional rules of procedure of the Council:

"At its 4058th meeting, held in private on 26 October 1999, the Security Council considered the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The representatives of Austria, Belgium, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Denmark, Egypt, Finland, Germany, Greece, Hungary, India, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Sweden, Turkey and Ukraine were invited, at their request, to participate in accordance with rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure."

"The Security Council heard a briefing under rule 39 of its provisional rules of procedure by Mr. Jacques Paul Klein, Special Representative of the Secretary-General and Coordinator of United Nations Operations in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The members of the Council made comments and posed questions in connection with the briefing. Mr. Klein responded to the comments and questions posed by members of the Council."

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

39th plenary meeting

Report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4) [13]

The General Assembly took note of the report of the International Court of Justice (A/54/4).

The President of the International Court of Justice made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Zambia, Cameroon, Argentina, Pakistan, Cyprus, the Russian Federation, Costa Rica, Peru and the Sudan.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 13.

Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States [26]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/180)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.14)

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 477 (V) of 1 November 1950, the observer for the League of Arab States made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.14 (resolution 54/9)

The representative of Israel made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 26.

Observer status for the Community of Portuguese-Speaking Countries in the General Assembly: draft resolution (A/54/L.15) [171]

The representative of Angola (also on behalf of Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and SaoTome and Principe) made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.15.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.15 (resolution 54/10)

The representative of Brazil made a statement.

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 171.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Uruguay (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Chile, Romania, Japan, Nigeria, and the United States.

The representative of Sri Lanka introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.22.

The representative of New Zealand introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.18.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.23.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.27.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.8.

The representative of Mexico introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.24.

The representative of the Russian Federation introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.4.

SECOND COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.8

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

(f) Implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

The Committee continued its consideration of the sub-items and heard statements by the representatives of Poland, Nigeria, Egypt, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Armenia, Namibia, Jamaica, Maldives, the United Republic of Tanzania and Comoros.

The Executive Secretary of the Secretariat for the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification made a statement in response to questions raised.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the sub-items.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(h) Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard an introductory statement by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, Mexico, Norway, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

The representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization made a statement.

23rd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 99 and heard statements by the representatives of the Russian Federation, Ethiopia, Japan, New Zealand, Ukraine, South Africa, China and the Islamic Republic of Iran.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Concluding remarks were made by the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund and the Director of the Population Division of the Department for Economic and Social Affairs.

The Committee thus concluded its general consideration of the sub-item.

Globalization and interdependence [104]

The Committee began its consideration of the item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Ghana, the United States, the Russian Federation, the Republic of Korea, Brazil, Pakistan and India.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th and 16th meetings

Note: The summary of the 15th and 16th meetings of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/207).

SIXTH COMMITTEE 16th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Finland (on behalf of the Nordic countries), France and the Czech Republic.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

48th meeting

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters [1]

The Council approved the agenda as contained in document E/1999/120.

Economic and environmental questions [13]

(a) Sustainable development

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

On the proposal of the President the Council adopted an oral decision in which the Council decided to postpone its consideration of the graduation of the Republic of Maldives from the list of least developed countries until a report of the Committee for Development Policy had been submitted and the review of the vulnerability index had been completed.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (a).

(g) Transport of dangerous goods

The Council resumed consideration of the item.

The Council had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1999/43) and a statement of programme budget implications on draft resolution II contained in the report (E/1999/L.48).

The representative of the United States made a statement.

The Council then adopted the draft resolution.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 13 (g).

Election of the President of the Council for the year 2000

On the proposal of the President, the Council decided to hold its meeting to elect the President for the year 2000 on 27 January 2000.

Non-governmental organizations [12]

The Council resumed consideration of the item and had before it documents E/1999/109 and Add.1. Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Finland (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and Romania, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Liechtenstein, aligned themselves with this statement), Cuba and the observer for Sudan. The representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic and Cuba requested a roll-call vote on draft decision II in document E/1999/109.

The Committee adopted the decision by a recorded roll-call vote of 26 to 14 with 12 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Canada, Japan, Lesotho and Comoros .

After the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, New Zealand, Norway (also on behalf of Iceland), the Syrian Arab Republic, Venezuela, Turkey and Djibouti.

On the proposal of the President the Council took note of the report contained in document E/1999/109.

Statements were then made by the representative of the United States and the observer for Lebanon.

The Council thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 12.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 26 OCTOBER 1999

1795th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [6]

The Committee concluded its consideration of the fourth periodic report of Portugal (Macau) (CCPR/C/POR/99/4).

1796th meeting

The Committee finalized its first reading of its draft general comment on article 3 of the Covenant.

The Committee examined the draft concluding observations on Norway (CCPR/C/79/Add.112) in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 18 OCTOBER 1999

905th meeting

Election of officers [1 (a)]

The forty-sixth session of the Trade and Development Board was opened by H.E. Mr. Chak Mun See (Singapore). H.E. Mr. Philippe Petit (France) was formally elected President by acclamation.

The Board also elected Mr. Xolisa M. Mabhongo (South Africa) as Rapporteur and the following 10 Vice-Presidents: H.E. Mrs. Fayza Aboulnaga (Egypt), H.E. Mr. Munir Akram (Pakistan), H.E. Mr. Krit Garnjana-Goonchorn (Thailand), H.E. Mr. Koichi Haraguchi (Japan), H.E. Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany), H.E. Mr. George Moose (United States of America), H.E. Mr. Goce Petreski (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia), H.E. Mr. Camilo Reyes-Rodríguez (Colombia), H.E. Mr. Ronald Saborio (Costa Rica) and H.E. Mr. Vasily Sidorov (Russian Federation).

The Board established Sessional Committee I to consider agenda item 4 and elected H.E. Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany) as its Chairman. It also established Sessional Committee II to consider agenda item 5 and elected H.E. Mr. Adolphe Nahayo (Burundi) as its Chairman.

Adoption of the agenda and organization of work of the session [1 (b)]

The Board adopted the provisional agenda (TD/B/46/1 and Corr.1) and took note of the organization of work as contained in Annex I and II.

Preparatory process for the tenth session of the Conference: Establishment of the Committee of the Whole [2]

The Board established the Committee of the Whole for the substantive preparations of UNCTAD X under the chairmanship of the President of the Board.

General Statements

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD addressed the Board.

Statements were made by the representatives of Zambia (on behalf of the Group of 77), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Russian Federation, Belarus, and the United States.

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: trade, growth an external financing in developing countries [3]

The Board began its consideration of the item in plenary with an introductory statement by Mr. Yilmaz Akyuz, Chief Macroeconomist, UNCTAD secretariat.

906th meeting

Interdependence and global economic issues from a trade and development perspective: trade, growth an external financing in developing countries [3]

The Board continued its consideration of the item. Statements were made by the representatives of Colombia (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), the Islamic Republic of Iran (on behalf of the Asian Group and China), South Africa (on behalf of the African Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Thailand, Pakistan, Poland, Ethiopia, India, Japan, Indonesia, the United States, Switzerland, China, Bangladesh, Malaysia, International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions (ICFTU).

The Board thus concluded its consideration of the item.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on their Destruction. Oslo, 18 September 1997

Ratification: Czech Republic (26 October 1999)*

European Agreement concerning the Work of Crews of Vehicles Engaged in International Road Transport (AETR). Geneva, 1 July 1970

Accession: Hungary (22 October 1999)*

Amendments to articles 24 and 25 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 16 May 1998

Acceptance: Norway (25 October 1999)*

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Honduras (26 October 1999)*

Amendment to the Basel Convention on the Control of Transboundary Movements of Hazardous Wastes and their Disposal. Geneva, 22 September 1995

Ratification: Tunisia (26 October 1999)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

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Information Fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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Special event

The youth representatives of the delegations of Australia, Denmark, Netherlands and Norway, the United Nations Youth Unit and the social coordinators for interns invite youth interns in the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, junior advisors, junior staff members and other young people to take part in a discussion by and for young people involved with the United Nations "The United Nations's future in the eyes of youth". The discussion will focus on: What should be the United Nations's focus in the 21st century? Should youth represent their own interest at the United Nations? and should the United Nations become a true supranational organization? It will take place on Thursday, 28 October 1999, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Those who have proposals for discussion are kindly invited to submit them via e-mail to unyouth@hotmail.com or visit the Web site at come.to/youthdiscussion

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the sixteenth to mid-nineteenth century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10 a.m. consultations of the whole (closed) Consultation Room

Briefing by Ms. Carol Bellamy, Executive Director, United Nations Children's Fund, on her recent trip to Iraq

Briefing by Mr. Benon Sevan, Executive Director, Office of the Iraq Programme (S/1999/1053 and S/1999/1086)

Croatia (S/1999/1051)

Other matters

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m. 18th meeting Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

WORKING GROUP OF THE WHOLE ON INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE

3 p.m.-6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Sustainable development and international economic co-operation [99]

   (b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.13

   (e) International migration and development, including the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.11

2. Globalization and interdependence [104] (A/54/358, A/54/98, A/54/175)

   Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Continuation of general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1, L.11 and L.12

2. International drug control [108]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20

3. Advancement of women [109]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.15, L.16/Rev.1 and L.19

4. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

   Continuation of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	18th meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483 and A/C.5/54/24)

Introduction and general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 123 (Joint Inspection Unit (A/54/34, A/54/223 and A/53/841))

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

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* Following the adjournment of the 18th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

Morning*	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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* Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Sixth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3

3 p.m.	20th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

* Following the meeting of the Working Group.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

INVESTMENTS COMMITTEE
(advisory meeting)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	162nd meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	163rd meeting	Conference Room 8

Oral hearings

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	49th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of Directors of the International Monetary Fund

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 40 (b)

Informal consultations facilitated by the delegation of the United States of America on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (b) (Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks) will be held *today*, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

M. Patrick Guillaumont (France), a member of the Committee for Development Policy, will hold follow-up discussions with delegations (including any national experts who wish to participate) on the proposals of the Committee for the revision of the criteria for the identification of least developed countries, *today*, 28 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Announcement

Information on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) may be obtained in the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1212).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 28 October 1999

EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP
(on matters related to the eighth session of the Commission on Sustainable Development)

9 a.m.-10 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room D

ARAB GROUP
(at the ambassadorial level)

10.30 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

COORDINATING BUREAU

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 2

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The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will hold a meeting on East Timor *today*, 28 October 1999, at 4 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the First Committee draft resolution on small arms, organized by the delegation of Japan, *today*, 28 October 1999, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C.

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Briefing

In the context of preparations for Geneva 2000, the Special Session of the General Assembly on Follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development and Further Initiatives, the International Labour Office (ILO), the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs are organizing a joint briefing on "Full Employment and Decent Work in the context of Geneva 2000". Speakers will be Ms. Maria Ducci, Director, Bureau for External Relations and Partnerships of the ILO, and Mr. John Langmore, Director, Division for Social Policy and Development. This briefing will take place *today*, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and the representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Rhitu Siddharth (tel.: (212) 909-7810).

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on the draft resolution related to agenda item 40 (a) (Law of the sea), *today*, 28 October 1999, in the afternoon, following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Sixth Committee in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 29 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	42nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	43rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]
2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/506*) [117]
3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee * [118]
4. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee* [119]
5. Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/507*) [123]
6. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/504*) [129]
7. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: report of the Fifth Committee * [130 (a)]
8. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee * [151(a)]
9. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/505*) [169]

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* To be issued.

Committees

	FIRST COMMITTEE			SECOND COMMITTEE	
3 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4	11 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
			3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

	SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)			THIRD COMMITTEE	
			10 a.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1
10 a.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4	3 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Martínez (Ecuador), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (agenda item 110) on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 4 November 1999, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson: Sir Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture); Dr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); and Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia);

On 5 November: Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons); Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi) and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda);

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-7216).

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part II) will be held at Headquarters on 1 and 2 November 1999 in Conference Room 6.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) with members of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) on Friday, 29 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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A donors' consultation on demining in Chad will take place on Friday, 29 October 1999, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*.

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Briefing

The Department of Peacekeeping Operations will hold a briefing for the African Group on "Implementation of the Lusaka Cease-fire Agreement: the Democratic Republic of the Congo Peace Process" on Friday, 29 October 1999, at 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), on Friday, 29 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is Friday, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 26 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 15th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) and Ghana.

The representative of Poland aligned his country with the statement made by the representative of Finland who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [118]

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [142]

Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [151]

(a) Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The Committee resumed its consideration of these agenda items.

Reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services

Statements were made by the representatives of Bangladesh, the United States, Ethiopia, the Syrian Arab Republic, Algeria, Cuba and the United Arab Emirates.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services replied to questions posed.

The Chairman of the Joint Inspection Unit also replied to questions posed.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [130]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

(a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission

Report of the Secretary-General on the developments relating to the issue of overpayment of mission subsistence allowance and compensatory time off

The representative of Poland, Rapporteur of the Committee, introduced draft resolution A/C.5/54/L.12.

The representative of Kuwait made a statement regarding a correction in the Arabic version of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted, without a vote, the draft resolution.

Statements in explanation of position were made by the representatives of Kuwait and the Philippines.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of this question under this agenda item at this stage.

Organization of work

The representative of Tunisia, coordinator of informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences), made a statement.

The Chairman also made a statement.

16th meeting

Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [117]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the Board of Auditors made a concluding statement and replied to questions raised.

The Director of the Management Policy Office also responded to questions raised.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of this agenda item.

The Chairman informed the Committee, that informal consultations on this agenda item would begin on Monday, 1 November, in the afternoon, under the chairmanship of Mr. Lovemore Mazemo (Zimbabwe).

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Wednesday, 27 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

40th plenary meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation: Implementation of the Programme of Action of the International Conference on Population and Development: Commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund [99 (h)]

(a) Draft resolution (A/54/L.18)

The President made a statement.

The Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund made a statement on behalf of the Secretary-General.

The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the African States), Uzbekistan (on behalf of the Asian States), Bulgaria (on behalf of the Eastern European States), Peru (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean States), Italy (on behalf of the Western European and other States) and the United States (as host country).

The representative of Guyana made a statement in the course of which he introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/54/L.18.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.18 (resolution 54/11).

The President declared closed the commemoration of the thirtieth anniversary of the operations of the United Nations Population Fund.

The Assembly concluded this stage of its consideration of sub-item (h) of agenda item 99.

41st plenary meeting

Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union [27]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/379)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.9)

The representative of India made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/54/L.9.

Statements were made by the representatives of Croatia, Norway, Tunisia and San Marino; H.E. Mr. Laszlo Varga, Minister Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Hungary; the representatives of Andorra, Poland and Indonesia; H.E. The Honourable Mosé Tjitendero, Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia; and the representatives of Nigeria, Italy, Germany, the Russian Federation, Malta, France, Belarus, Burkina Faso, the Republic of Korea, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Australia, Uruguay, Egypt and Cyprus.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/54/L.9 (resolution 54/12).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 27.

Tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Vazgen Sargissian, the late Prime Minister of Armenia

The President of the General Assembly made a statement.

The General Assembly observed a minute of silence in tribute to the memory of His Excellency Mr. Vazgen Sargissian, the late Prime Minister of Armenia.

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Nepal, and Portugal.

The representative of Germany introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.20.

The representative of South Africa (on behalf of the Non-Aligned Movement countries) introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/54/L.45, L.46, L.47, L.48 and L.49 and draft decision A/C.1/54/L.50.

The representative of Belarus introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.26.

The representative of the Netherlands introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.39.

The representative of Australia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.16.

The representative of India introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.31.

The representative of Egypt introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.21.

The representative of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.40.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 15th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87]

The Committee continued its general debate and heard statements made by the representatives of Cuba, Egypt, Indonesia, Romania, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the United States, Chile (on behalf of Member countries of MERCOSUR (Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay) as well as Bolivia and Chile), the Syrian Arab Republic, Malaysia, Yemen and the Russian Federation.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE 24th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(d) Human resources development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.9

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

(g) Renewal of the dialogue on strengthening international economic cooperation for development through partnership

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.10

The representative of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China) introduced the draft resolution.

Globalization and interdependence [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Norway, Cuba, China, Romania, Chile, Kenya (on behalf of the East African Cooperation - Kenya, United Republic of Tanzania and Uganda), Colombia, Yemen, Bhutan, Oman, New Zealand, Argentina, Antigua and Barbuda (on behalf of AOSIS), Cameroon, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Poland, Croatia and Jordan.

Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Population Fund and the International Labour Organization.

Organization of work

At the request of the Group of 77 and the European Union, the Committee agreed to postpone consideration of item 99 (f) to Thursday, 11 November.

At the request of the Group of 77, the meeting of the Committee to be held on Friday, 5 November, was cancelled and items 102 and 103 would be taken up on Tuesday, 9 November, in the morning. Consideration of agenda item 12 would begin on Tuesday, 9 November, in the afternoon.

THIRD COMMITTEE 23rd meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee began its consideration of the item and heard introductory statements by the Under-Secretary-General, the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, the Director-General of the International Labour Organization, the Director, New York Office, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, and the Executive Director of UNICEF.

The Committee then engaged in a dialogue with the Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, the Special Rapporteur on the sale of children, child prostitution and child pornography, and the Executive Director of UNICEF, in which the representatives Fiji, Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Guinea, the Russian Federation, Portugal, the Sudan, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Pakistan and Iraq, as well as the observer for the Holy See, took part.

24th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 112 and heard statements by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) and the associated countries, Cyprus and Malta) Namibia (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community), the United States, Norway, Japan, Senegal, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, Australia, Colombia, Jamaica, New Zealand, Kenya, San Marino and Bangladesh.

A statement was also made by the representative of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.22

The representative of Burkina Faso, on behalf of the African Group, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

International drug control [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Croatia, Gabon, Guinea, Iceland, Latvia, Malaysia, the Niger and Turkey, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.19

The representative of New Zealand, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Austria, Belgium, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Côte d'Ivoire, Denmark, Eritrea, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Georgia, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Guinea, Iceland, India, Ireland, Italy, Jamaica, Jordan, Kenya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Mauritius, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, the Netherlands, Portugal, the Republic of Moldova, Rwanda, Samoa, Senegal, the Solomon Islands, the Sudan, Swaziland, Sweden, Tunisia, the United Kingdom, Uzbekistan, Venezuela, Viet Nam and Yemen, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

Rights of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25

The representative of Pakistan, on behalf of the sponsors listed, as well as Djibouti, El Salvador, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Papua New Guinea, Thailand, the United Arab Emirates and Viet Nam, introduced the draft resolution.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 17th meeting

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Secretary-General addressed the Committee and introduced the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1, Vol. I-III).

The Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions introduced the report of that Committee (A/54/7).

The Chairman of the Committee for Programme and Coordination introduced the report of that Committee on the work of its thirty-ninth session (A/54/16).

Statements were made by the representatives of the United States, Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Norway, Japan, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, the Philippines (on behalf of the ASEAN countries), the United Republic of Tanzania (on behalf of the Member States of the East African Cooperation), Pakistan, Guatemala, Burkina Faso, Cyprus, China and Cameroon.

The Chairman announced that the Committee would resume its general discussion on the item on Monday, 1 November, in the afternoon.

Organization of work

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway and Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China).

The Director of the Budget Division, the Chairman of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Chairman of the Fifth Committee replied to questions posed.

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 17th and 18th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Côte d'Ivoire, Hungary, Costa Rica, Croatia, Brazil, Slovenia, Poland, the Republic of Korea, Venezuela, the Russian Federation, Pakistan, Mexico, Argentina, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom and Japan.

The Chairman of the International Law Commission introduced chapter VII of the Commission's report.

Visit by the President, Vice-President, Judges and Registrar of the International Court of Justice

The Chairman of the Committee welcomed the President, Vice-President, Judges and Registrar of the International Court of Justice.

The President of the International Court of Justice, H.E. Judge Stephen Schwebel, made a statement.

The Chairman also spoke.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The representative of Bulgaria introduced draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.3.

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COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY 199th meeting

Draft report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country (A/AC.154/1999/CRP.1)

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Chairman spoke.

The Committee decided to defer the consideration of its draft report to its next meeting.

Other matters

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Cuba, Cyprus, Iraq, the Russian Federation and the United States, as well as by the observer for Malaysia.

The Chairman spoke.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE 247th meeting

The Chairman congratulated the delegations of Mali, Tunisia and Ukraine, members of the Committee, and Bangladesh, an observer in the Committee, on their recent election as non-permanent members of the Security Council.

Consideration of the draft resolution on Bethlehem 2000

The Chairman made a statement.

The Committee approved the draft resolution entitled "Bethlehem 2000".

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 27 OCTOBER 1999

1797th meeting

The Committee held a preliminary discussion on a draft general comment on article 4 of the Covenant, as well as other matters relating to article 40 of the Covenant.

1798th meeting

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report on Cameroon (CCRP/C/102/Add.2).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 28 October 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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Special event

The youth representatives of the delegations of Australia, Denmark, the Netherlands and Norway, the United Nations Youth Unit and the social coordinators for interns invite youth interns in the Permanent Missions and the Secretariat, junior advisors, junior staff members and other young people to take part in a discussion by and for young people involved with the United Nations on "The United Nations's Future in the Eyes of Youth". The discussion will focus on: What should be the focus of the United Nations in the 21st century? Should youth represent their own interest at the United Nations? and Should the United Nations become a true supranational organization? The discussion will take place *today*, 28 October 1999, at 6.15 p.m. in Conference Room 1. Those who have proposals for discussion are kindly invited to submit them via e-mail (unyouth@hotmail.com) or to visit the Web site at the following address: come.to/youthdiscussion

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Information fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until Friday, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Friday, 29 October 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

11 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Croatia (S/1999/1051)

Other matters

MILITARY STAFF COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	1416th meeting (closed)	Conference Room 9

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	42nd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	43rd PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

1. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

2. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/506) [117]

(continued overleaf)

3. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/511) [118]

4. Programme budget for the biennium 1998-1999: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/508) [119]

5. Joint Inspection Unit: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/507) [123]

6. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/504) [129]

7. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991): United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/510) [130 (a)]

8. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/509) [151 (a)]

9. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor: report of the Fifth Committee (A/54/505) [169]

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 4

Thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85 *(continued)*

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	16th meeting	Conference Room 4

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87] (A/54/20, A/C.4/54/8, A/C.4/54/L.6 and L.7, A/CONF.184/6)

SECOND COMMITTEE

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

   (a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.14

   (c) Convention on Biological Diversity

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.15

2. Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171- E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

   (c) Women in development (A/54/227, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1 and A/54/275)

3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99] (A/54/56, A/54/97-E/1999/52, A/54/170, A/54/171-E/1999/111 and A/C.2/54/5)

(c) Women in development (A/54/227, A/54/156-E/1999/102, A/54/156/Add.1-E/1999/102/Add.1 and A/54/275)

Afternoon*-6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 7

Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), on draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.4 (Science and technology for development) *(item 97 (d))*

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* Following the adjournment of the 27th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 1

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Conclusion of general discussion

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	19th meeting	Conference Room 3

1. United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24)

   Continuation of general discussion

2. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127] (A/54/393)

   Introduction and general discussion

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 124 (Pattern of conferences (A/54/32, A/54/176, A/54/208, A/54/221, A/54/262, A/53/919 and Corr.1 (French only), and Add.1 and Corr.1 (Russian only), and Add.2 and Corr.1 (French only), A/54/7, A/52/1000, A/52/7, A/53/257, A/51/946, A/52/685, A/53/16 and A/53/669))

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* Following the adjournment of the 19th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	21st meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Informal consultations on draft resolution on agenda item 159 (Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization)

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

UNITED NATIONS STAFF PENSION COMMITTEE

9.30 a.m.- 11.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1999

11.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

THIRD COMMITTEE

The Vice-Chairperson of the Committee, Ms. Mónica Martínez (Ecuador), will hold informal consultations on a draft proposal on the follow-up to the Fourth World Conference on Women and full implementation of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action (agenda item 110) *today*, 29 October 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room B.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Bureau of the Committee on Information *today*, 29 October 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Room S-1027.

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Informal briefing

At the request of interested delegations, Mr. Hama Arba Diallo, Executive Secretary of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa, will hold an informal briefing on the latest developments in the framework of the Convention and give an update on the preparations for the Third Conference of the Parties (Recife, Brazil, 15-26 November 1999). The briefing will take place *today*, 29 October 1999, from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. in Conference Room 2. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Announcement

Information on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) may be obtained in the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1212).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Friday, 29 October 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on item 99 (a) (Implementation of the commitments and policies agreed upon in the Declaration of International Economic Cooperation, in particular the revitalization of the economic growth and development of developing countries and Implementation of the International Development Strategy for the Fourth United Nations Decade) and item 97 (b) (Financing of development, including net transfer of resources between developing and developed countries))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room B

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.30 p.m.-2.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(on draft resolution on item 110 (Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women))

1.45 p.m.-4 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

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A donors' consultation on demining in Chad, convened by the United Nations Development Programme, will take place *today*, 29 October 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7.

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There will be a meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) *today*, 29 October 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Briefing

The briefing of the Department of Peacekeeping Operations for the African Group on "Implementation of the Lusaka Cease-fire Agreement: the Democratic Republic of the Congo Peace Process", scheduled for *today*, 29 October 1999, has been cancelled.

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Informal consultations

There will be open-ended informal consultations on the draft resolution on agenda item 40 (c) (Results of the review by the Commission on Sustainable Development of the sectoral theme of "oceans and seas"), convened by the coordinators (Canada and Pakistan), *today*, 29 October 1999, at 11 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Announcement

As from Friday, 1 October 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226). In the event that room S-226 is occupied at that time, the briefing will take place in the Security Council Quiet Room.

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Monday, 1 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 4 November 1999, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson: Sir Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture); Dr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); and Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia);

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi) and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda);

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The Committee on Information will resume its twenty-first session on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber, to consider the report of the Secretary-General on the multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations Web sites (A/AC.198/1999/9). For further information, delegations may contact the Committee secretariat (tel.: (212) 963-7216).

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A, to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The second regular session of the Organizational Committee of the Administrative Committee on Coordination (ACC) (Part II) will be held at Headquarters on 1 and 2 November 1999 in Conference Room 6.

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935).

A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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There will be meetings of the Group of 77 of the Second Committee *(on items 99 (c) (Women in development) and 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction))* on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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There will be a meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights of the Non-Aligned Movement on Monday, 1 November 1999, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

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Presentation

The Department of Public Information will make a presentation on the United Nations Web site on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 3 p.m. The conference room will be announced in the *Journal*.

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: Wednesday, 3 November, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; Thursday, 4 November, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 5 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to all the permanent missions. The registration deadline is *today*, 29 October. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 18th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Argentina (on behalf of MERCOSUR), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), New Zealand, Viet Nam, the Niger, India and Kenya.

The representative of South Africa introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.44.

The representative of Nepal introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.14.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.38.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.9.

The representative of Mali introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.25.

SECOND COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(b) Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II)

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.12 and L.13

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolutions on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(e) International migration and development, including the question of the convening of a United Nations conference on international migration and development

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.11

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Globalization and interdependence [104]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item.

Statements were made by the representatives of the Islamic Republic of Iran, South Africa, Uruguay, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Haiti, Saint Lucia, Tunisia and Mozambique.

The representative of the World Health Organization made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion of agenda item 104.

THIRD COMMITTEE 25th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Croatia, Bahrain, Mongolia, China, Uganda, the Sudan, Guatemala, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Sierra Leone, Kazakhstan, Iceland, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mozambique, the Philippines, India, the Republic of Korea and Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

26th meeting

Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [106]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.9/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of the introduction.

The representative of the Philippines further orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Algeria, Austria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Chile, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cyprus, Eritrea, France, Ghana, Guinea, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Jordan, Liberia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mexico, Morocco, the Netherlands, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Poland, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, San Marino, Sierra Leone, Spain, the Sudan, Suriname, Turkey, the United Kingdom, Ukraine and Viet Nam joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the revised draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.11

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Mongolia then further orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Cameroon, Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Ethiopia, Finland, Guatemala, Indonesia, Nigeria, the Philippines and Tajikistan joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.12

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral revisions that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

The representative of Benin then further orally revised the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Botswana, Cameroon, Congo, Croatia, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, France, the Gambia, Ghana, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Madagascar, Malta, Mongolia, Portugal, the Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Kitts and Nevis, San Marino, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Spain, Zambia and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Burkina Faso and Nigeria withdrew as sponsors of the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution, as further orally revised, without a vote.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, statements were made by the representatives of Spain and the United States.

Draft decision

The Committee decided to recommend to the General Assembly that it take note of document A/54/59.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

International drug control [108]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.20

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the oral corrections that had been made to the draft resolution at the time of its introduction.

Belize, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Eritrea, Georgia, Haiti, Jordan, Kuwait, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Namibia, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Swaziland and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee then adopted the draft resolution as orally corrected, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of the item.

Advancement of women [109]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.16/Rev.1

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Romania orally corrected the text and announced that Bhutan, Cambodia, Peru, Solomon Islands and Venezuela had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, the Congo, the Dominican Republic, Ghana, Haiti, Liberia, Saint Lucia, San Marino, Senegal, Spain, Swaziland and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the revised draft resolution, as orally corrected, without a vote.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.19

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The Secretary read out the revisions which had been made to the text when it was introduced.

It was announced that Malawi, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay and Spain had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Belize, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Gambia, Ghana, Liberia, the Philippines, Sierra Leone, South Africa and Togo joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A statement was made by the representative of Antigua and Barbuda.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as orally revised, without a vote.

Right of peoples to self determination [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.25

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

It was announced that Mauritania had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, Bangladesh and Lebanon joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Viet Nam, Thailand, Ukraine, Algeria, Indonesia, Nepal, Liechtenstein, Cyprus, Romania, Kuwait, Morocco, Egypt, Slovenia, the Russian Federation, Fiji and Sri Lanka, as well as by the observer for Switzerland.

The representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees made a statement.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 18th meeting

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission, Mr. Mohsen Bel Hadj Amor (Tunisia), introduced the report of the Commission (A/54/30).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus, Malta and Norway), Tunisia and Algeria.

The representative of Latvia aligned her country with the statement made by the representative of Finland, who spoke on behalf of the European Union.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 19th and 20th meetings

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

Statements were made by the representatives of Algeria, France, Italy, the United States, Viet Nam, Guatemala, India, Australia and the United Republic of Tanzania.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

49th meeting

Note: The summary of the 49th meeting of the Economic and Social Council will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/209).

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

THURSDAY, 28 OCTOBER 1999

1799th and 1800th meetings

The Committee continued and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report on Cameroon (CCRP/C/102/Add.2).

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Convention for the Protection of Producers of Phonograms against Unauthorized Duplication of their Phonograms. Geneva, 29 October 1971

Accession: Lithuania (27 October 1999)*

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Information fair

The annual Inter-Agency Information Fair, organized by the Department of Public Information, will be held in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building until *today*, 29 October 1999. The event brings together nearly 30 specialized agencies, programmes and departments of the United Nations system, each with representatives on hand to answer questions and distribute brochures, posters and other information materials.

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Special event

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will make a presentation of the "Making Children Count" initiative, a new Web-based database on the measures taken around the world to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A CD Rom featuring an overview of the database will be made available on this occasion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Saturday, 30 October 1999

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

Second regular session of 1999

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

Monday, 1 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

3 p.m.	44th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

Adoption of the agenda of the fifty-fourth session of the General Assembly and allocation of items: request for the inclusion of an additional item: note by the Secretary-General (A/54/234) [8].

Announcement

The monthly tentative forecast has been made available to Member States in accordance with the Notes by the President of the Security Council dated 27 July 1993 (S/26176) and 30 April 1998 (S/1998/354). In accordance with the aforementioned decisions, copies of the tentative forecast have been placed in the delegations' boxes and may be collected at the delegations' "pick-up area".

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.-6 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85.

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/54/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 4

Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/54/28)

Introduction and general discussion

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 4

1. Environment and sustainable development [100]

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.16 and L.17

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.18

2. Globalization and interdependence [104]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19

3. Macroeconomic policy issues [97]

(a) High-level international intergovernmental consideration of financing for development (A/54/28)

Conclusion of general discussion

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	28th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112] (A/54/98, A/54/265, A/54/411, A/54/419 and A/54/430)

Conclusion of general discussion

2. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [113](A/54/487)

Introduction and general discussion

3. Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3

United Nations common system [126] (A/54/30, A/54/434, A/54/483, A/53/688 and A/C.5/54/24)

Continuation of general discussion

Morning*-1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

Afternoon**	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 [121] (A/54/6/Rev.1 (Vol. I-III), A/54/7, A/54/16, A/54/127, A/54/206, A/54/434, A/54/443, A/C.5/54/14, A/C.5/54/15, A/C.5/54/16, A/C.5/54/17, A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19, A/C.5/54/20, A/C.5/54/21, A/C.5/54/22, A/C.5/54/23, A/C.5/54/25, A/C.5/54/26, A/C.5/54/27, A/53/7/Add.15, A/53/641, A/53/643, A/53/794, A/53/833, A/53/955, A/C.5/51/57 and A/52/7/Add.2)

Continuation of general discussion

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* Following the adjournment of the 20th meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Immediately following the adjournment of the 44th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

Afternoon*- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors (A/54/5/Add.5, A/54/140 and Add.1, A/54/159 and Corr.1, A/54/165, A/54/441, A/C.5/54/3 and A/54/7))

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	22nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155] (A/54/10 and Corr.1 and 2)

WORKING GROUP ON THE UNITED NATIONS DECADE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subject

United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK)

COMMITTEE ON INFORMATION

Twenty-first session

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	8th meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its twenty-first session [7]

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION

ORGANIZATIONAL COMMITTEE

Second regular session of 1999
(Part II)

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 6

Announcement

Information on the new structure and working method of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (INSTRAW) may be obtained in the Division for the Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (room DC2-1212).

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Monday, 1 November 1999

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(on items 100 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa) (A/C.2/54/L.8), 99 (c) (Women in development) and 100 (b) (International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8
4 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 8

JOINT COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE GROUP OF 77 AND THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

10 a.m.-12 noon	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

11 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

CARIBBEAN COMMUNITY
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room E

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

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There will be a meeting of the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament on Monday, 1 November 1999, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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There will be a closed meeting of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Presentation

The Department of Public Information will make a presentation on the United Nations Web site on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Tuesday, 2 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 2

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.	17th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	30th meeting	Conference Room 4

THIRD COMMITTEE

3 p.m.	29th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 3
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
3 p.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 3
Afternoon**	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

* Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 23rd meeting of the Fifth Committee.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	24th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	25th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements by the Special Rapporteurs and Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee under agenda item 116 (Human rights questions), beginning on Thursday, 4 November 1999, as follows:

On 4 November, following the Committee's dialogue with the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mary Robinson: Sir Nigel Rodley (Special Rapporteur on the Question of Torture); Dr. Kamal Hossain (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Afghanistan); Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar); Mr. Max van der Stoel (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq); Mr. Roberto Garretón (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo); Mr. Leonardo Franco (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Sudan); Mr. Adama Dieng (Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights in Haiti); and Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia);

On 5 November: Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran); Mr. Francis Deng (Representative of the Secretary-General on Internally Displaced Persons); Mr. Jiri Dienstbier (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and Yugoslavia); Mrs. Marie-Therese Keita-Bocoum (Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi) and Mr. Michel Moussalli (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda);

On 8 November: Mr. Abdelfattah Amor (Special Rapporteur on Religious Intolerance).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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The Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples will hold closed informal consultations with members of the Committee on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room A, to continue discussions on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples).

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The 1999 United Nations Pledging Conference for Development Activities will take place on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, and on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 2.

It would be appreciated if delegations which have not already done so, could submit the names of their representatives to the Secretary of the Pledging Conference, Mr. Alexandre De Barros (room S-2950-G; tel.: (212) 963-2320 or 5973; fax: (212) 963-5935).

The list of speakers is open until Tuesday, 2 November 1999.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Informal consultations

The Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoeala (Lesotho), will hold informal consultations on the report of the fourth special session of the Commission on Human Rights on Tuesday, 2 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8 (E/1999/23/Add.1 and E/1999/L.59).

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The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Percy Metsing Mangoaela (Lesotho), on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room 9.

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United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, particularly in Africa

CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

List of speakers

The third session of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention will take place from 15 to 26 November 1999 in Recife, Brazil. The special segment on the implementation of the Convention will be held from 22 to 24 November 1999. Statements at this segment will be open to Parties, observers, international intergovernmental organizations, multilateral agencies and institutions accredited to the Conference, United Nations programmes and specialized agencies with representation at the appropriate level. It is suggested that the average time for each statement should not exceed 6 minutes.

The list of speakers for the special segment on 22 and 23 November is now open in New York. Delegations wishing to inscribe on the list of speakers for this segment are requested to contact the office of the Secretary of the Conference of the Parties (Ms. June Chesney; tel.: (212) 963-5742; fax: (212) 963-5935). A list of speakers for other statements by Parties and observers in the Plenary during the first week of the session will open in Recife on Monday, 15 November.

The provisional agenda and the organization of work contained in document ICCD/COP(3)/1 can be retrieved from the Optical Disk System or from the Convention Web site at the following address: http://www.unccd.de

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The next consultation in the series of meetings on the evolving relationship between non-governmental organizations and the United Nations, sponsored by the Conference of Non-Governmental Organizations, will take place on Wednesday, 3 November 1999, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Conference Room 7. Members of delegations, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

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In accordance with paragraph 86 of the report on the eleventh session of the High-level Committee on the Review of Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries (A/54/39), informal consultations of the High-level Committee will be held on Monday, 8 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 7, to discuss the theme for the twelfth session of the Committee proposed by the Group of 77 and China entitled "The role of technical cooperation among developing countries in science and technology for development". The informal consultations is open to all Member States.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Thursday, 28 October 1999

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Resumed substantive session

49th meeting

Meeting between the Economic and Social Council and the Board of directors of the International Monetary Fund

The Deputy-Secretary-General addressed the meeting.

A statement was made by the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

The President of the Council made a statement.

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

Panel on Poverty Eradication and the Highly Indebted Poor Countries Initiative

A statement was made by the Assistant Director, Official Financing Operations Division, Policy Development and Review Department of the International Monetary Fund.

H.E. Mr. Percy Mongoaela (Lesotho), Vice-President of the Council, and the Executive Director of the IMF acted as mediators of the Panel.

A dialogue ensued among the members and observers to which the panellists and members of the Board of Directors of the IMF responded.

Panel on Post-conflict Peace Building: Approach to Assistance and Peace Building

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Makarim Wibisono (Indonesia), Vice-President of the Council.

Introductory statements were made by the representatives of the IMF.

H.E. Dr. Jānis Priedkalns (Latvia) and the Executive Director of the IMF acted as mediators.

A dialogue took place among the members and observers of the Council.

Friday, 29 October 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

42nd plenary meeting

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that the Democratic Republic of the Congo had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in the Article 19 of the Charter.

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

On the first round of balloting, having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Angola, Austria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Cuba, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Portugal and the Sudan were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (Article 19 of the Charter) [125]

The General Assembly took note that Seychelles had made the necessary payment to reduce its arrears below the amount specified in the Article 19 of the Charter.

Election to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Since two seats from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, in accordance with rule 94 of the rules of procedure, to a second round of balloting (first restricted ballot).

The results of the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Bahrain	125
Croatia	90
Ecuador	36
Fiji	88
Kazakhstan	44
Lithuania	82
Mexico	110
Suriname	94
Thailand	61
Uruguay	91

On the second round of balloting (first restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Bahrain was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The Assembly decided, on a proposal by the President, to postpone to the afternoon the balloting for one seat from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States.

43rd plenary meeting

Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs: election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council [15 (b)]

Statements were made by the representatives of Ecuador and Thailand.

Since one seat from among the Asian States, one seat from among the Eastern European States and two seats from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded, to a third round of balloting (second restricted ballot).

The result of the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Croatia	93
Ecuador	1
Fiji	165
Lithuania	77
Mexico	107
Suriname	115
Thailand	2
Uruguay	97

On the third round of balloting (second restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Fiji and Suriname were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

A statement was made by the representative of Lithuania.

Since one seat from among the Eastern European States and one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot).

The result of the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Croatia	160
Lithuania	6
Mexico	106
Uruguay	64

On the fourth round of balloting (third restricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Croatia was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

A statement was made by the representative of Uruguay.

Since one seat from among the Latin American and Caribbean States remained to be filled, the General Assembly proceeded to a fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot).

The result of the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot) were as follows:

	Votes
Ecuador	1
Guatelama	1
Mexico	145
Uruguay	4

On the fifth round of balloting (first unrestricted ballot), having obtained the required two-thirds majority, Mexico was elected member of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000.

The following eighteen States were elected members of the Economic and Social Council for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2000: Angola, Austria, Bahrain, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Fiji, France, Germany, Greece, Japan, Mexico, Portugal, Sudan and Suriname.

The General Assembly thus concluded its consideration of sub-item (b) of agenda item 15.*

* The remaining part of the summary of the 43rd plenary meeting will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1999/210).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 19th meeting

Thematic discussion on item subjects, introduction and consideration of draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85

The Committee continued and concluded its second stage of work (thematic discussion on item subjects; introduction and consideration of all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 64, 65 and 67 to 85).

Statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Mozambique (on behalf of the Southern African Development Community (SADC)), Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), Benin, the Netherlands, Finland (on behalf of European Union), Kenya, Australia, Mongolia and Nepal.

The representative of Peru introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.51.

The representative of Malaysia introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.43.

The representative of Brazil introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.34.

The representative of Myanmar introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.41.

The representative of Burkina Faso (on behalf of the African group) introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/54/L.6, L.10 and L.17.

The representative of Sweden introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.52.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.36.

The representative of Japan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.42.

The representative of Canada introduced draft resolutions A/C.1/54/L.11, L.29 and L.30.

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.12.

The representative of Pakistan introduced draft resolution A/C.1/54/L.37.

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) 16th meeting

International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [87]

On the proposal of the Chairman and agreed upon by the Committee, the Report prepared for the Office for Outer Space Affairs on the organizational matters relating to the holding of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), which was only available in English, was circulated as a conference room paper (A/C.4/54/CRP.1) in the Committee.

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by Iraq, the Czech Republic, Tunisia, Mexico, Ecuador, Israel, Pakistan, Ukraine, Philippines and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

The representative of the United States made a statement in the exercise of the right of reply.

Following a statement by the Chairman, the Committee agreed to waive rule 120 under the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and consider at that meeting the draft resolutions circulated during the course of that meeting.

The representative of India (on behalf of the Working Group of the Whole on International Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee) introduced draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.6 and L.7, in the course of which he drew attention to some technical errors in those resolutions.

The Committee also decided to request the Chairman to address a letter to the Secretariat to schedule the next session of the Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, as originally agreed by the Committee at its last session in July.

Statements were made by the representatives of Greece and Tunisia in the course of which they drew attention to further technical errors in those resolutions, in particular, in the English and French versions.

The Committee adopted draft resolutions A/C.4/54/L.6 and L.7 without a vote.

The representative of India made a statement.

The Committee concluded consideration of agenda item 87.

Organization of work

The Chairman announced that as scheduled on the programme of work, the next item for consideration would be agenda item 88 (United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East). Delegations were urged to inscribe their names on the list of speakers as soon as possible and also to kindly submit the draft resolutions relating to agenda items 88 and 89, respectively, in order to conclude those items as scheduled.

SECOND COMMITTEE 26th meeting

Environment and sustainable development [100]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21 and the Programme for the further implementation of Agenda 21

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.14

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

(c) Convention on Biological Diversity

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.15

The representative of Guyana introduced the draft resolution on behalf of the Group of 77 and China.

Sustainable development and international economic cooperation [99]

(c) Women in development

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-item and heard introductory statements by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General on Gender Issues and Advancement of Women, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and the representative of the Joint Inspection Unit.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), the Dominican Republic, the United States, the Russian Federation, Mexico, Norway, China, Cyprus, Myanmar and Israel.

27th meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 99 (c) and heard statements by the representatives of the Syrian Arab Republic, the Republic of Korea, Nigeria, Namibia, Kuwait, Cuba, Pakistan, Japan and Tunisia.

The representative of the International Labour Organization made a statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Development Fund for Women, the United Nations Development Programme and the World Food Programme.

Organization of work

The Committee was informed that consideration of item 100 (b), entitled "International Decade for Natural Disaster Reduction", originally scheduled for Tuesday, 2 November, had been postponed to Monday, 8 November, in the morning.

THIRD COMMITTEE 27th meeting

Promotion and protection of the rights of children [112]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Azerbaijan, Oman, Barbados (on behalf of the Caribbean Community), the United Republic of Tanzania, Afghanistan, Malaysia, Israel, Argentina, the Republic of Moldova, Mali, Iraq, Andorra, Nigeria, Haiti, Singapore, Pakistan, Cuba, Tunisia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

United Nations common system [126]

The Committee continued its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/C.5/54/24).

The Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs introduced a note by the Secretary-General (A/54/483).

Statements were made by the representatives of China, Ukraine, Japan, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Algeria and Tunisia.

The Under-Secretary-General for the Office of Legal Affairs and Legal Counsel and the Director of the Office for Inter-Agency Affairs of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs replied to questions posed.

The Chairman of the International Civil Service Commission made a statement.

Statements were also made by the President of the Coordinating Committee for International Staff Unions and Associations of the United Nations System (CCISUA) and the President of the Federation of International Civil Servants' Association (FICSA).

Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [127]

The Committee began its consideration of this agenda item.

The Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services introduced the annual report of that Office (A/54/393).

Statements were made by the representatives of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Cyprus and Malta), Norway, Pakistan and Poland.

Other matters

The representative of Portugal, Mrs. Regina Emerson, upon her retirement, made a farewell statement.

Organization of work

The Chairman also made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-first session [155]

The Chairman of the International Law Commission, Prof. Zdzislaw Galicki, introduced Chapter V of the report of the Commission dealing with State responsibility.

Statements were made by the representatives of Spain, Argentina, France, Portugal, the Netherlands and Poland.

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Egypt spoke.

The Secretary of the Committee also spoke.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
Sixty-seventh session
United Nations Office at Geneva

FRIDAY, 29 OCTOBER 1999

1801st and 1802nd (closed) meetings

The Committee continued its consideration of concluding observations and communications, in closed session.

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United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD
Forty-sixth session
United Nations Office at Geneva

WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE II 1st meeting

UNCTAD's contribution to the implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s [5]

The Committee elected Ms. Ingrid Mollestad as Vice-Chairman-*cum*-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, H.E. Mr. Adolphe Nahayo (Burundi), made an opening statement on the item.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Committee began its consideration of agenda item 5. Mr. Kamran Kousari, UNCTAD Coordinator for Africa, made an introductory statement.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Nigeria (on behalf of the African Group), Cuba (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), India (on behalf of the Asian Group), the United States, Japan, Madagascar, Burundi, Poland, China, South Africa and Finland (on behalf of the European Union), as well as by the representative of the Organization of African Unity (OAU).

2nd meeting

The Committee continued its consideration of agenda item 5 and heard a statement by the representative of Norway.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate on the item.

THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 1st meeting

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for Least Developed countries for the 1990s and review of the status of the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [4]

The Committee elected Mr. Mussie Delelegn Arega (Ethiopia) as its Vice-Chairman-*cum*-Rapporteur.

The Chairman, Mr. Walter Lewalter (Germany), made an opening statement on the item.

Mr. Rubens Ricupero, Secretary-General of UNCTAD, addressed the Committee.

The Committee then began its consideration of item 4 with an introductory statement by Mrs. Anna Tibaijuka, Special Coordinator for Least Developed, Land-locked and Island Developing Countries.

Statements were made by the representatives of the following countries: Ethiopia (on behalf of the African Group), Haiti (on behalf of the Latin American and Caribbean Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union), Bangladesh (on behalf of the least developed countries of the Asian Group), Nepal, Sudan, China, Czech Republic, United States, Egypt, Japan and Madagascar.

FRIDAY, 22 OCTOBER 1999

SESSIONAL COMMITTEE I 2nd meeting

Review of progress in the implementation of the Programme of Action for Least Developed countries for the 1990s and review of the status of the preparatory process for the Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries [4]

The Committee continued its consideration of item 4. Statements were made by the representatives of Yemen, Norway, Zambia, the Republic of Korea, Poland and South Africa, as well as by the representatives of the World Bank and the Common Fund for Commodities.

The Committee thus concluded its general debate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special event

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) will make a presentation of the "Making Children Count" initiative, a new Web-based database on the measures taken around the world to implement the Convention on the Rights of the Child, on Monday, 1 November 1999, at 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room 8. A CD Rom featuring an overview of the database will be made available on this occasion. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Exhibits

The photography exhibit entitled "Images of the Twentieth Century", from the Florentine photography archives and the Museum "Fratelli Alinari", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information, will be on display until Friday, 5 November 1999, at the Visitors' Entrance of the Secretariat Building.

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An exhibit entitled "The Three-Cornered Island - Sicilian Cartography from the Sixteenth to Mid-nineteenth Century", organized by the Permanent Mission of Italy, will be on display until Friday, 12 November 1999 in the first basement of the Secretariat Building (near the Viennese Café).

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Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of November 1999 has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Algeria
H.E. Mr. Abdallah Baali

Asian States:
Viet Nam
H.E. Mr. Ngo Quang Xuan

Eastern European States:
Croatia
H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović

Latin American and Caribbean States:
Saint Kitts and Nevis
H.E. Mr. Joseph Christmas
Chargé d'affaires

Western European and other States:
Liechtenstein
H.E. Mrs. Claudia Fritsche

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